

opposed the tax cuts, which clearly benefit workers. And now, last night, Senate Democrats shut down the government in an ugly effort to smear the President while distracting the American people from the President's achievements on his anniversary.

I have just learned, in fact, that Senate Democrats are closing National Guard armories across our States today at noon, putting our military readiness and troops at risk.

I am confident that, with the positive leadership of Speaker PAUL RYAN, House Republicans will continue to be the adults in the room for American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Thank you, President Trump, for your heartfelt address to the historic March for Life yesterday on The Mall.

IT IS TIME WE GET BACK TO WORK

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are about 9 hours into the Schumer shutdown, which is basically Senate Democrats holding the United States—320 million people—hostage over an executive order made by President Obama to benefit 690,000 people here illegally, the DACA program.

The DACA program has nothing to do with funding the government for the next 4 weeks. There is plenty of time to continue to address the conversation on DACA, which is underway on a bipartisan basis, for something that is due in 2 months.

President Trump rightly decided to rescind what was done by a previous executive order so we can abide by the law and put a good law in place that addresses border security; chain migration; and what to do with those here illegally, which there is a lot of sympathy for across this country for those minors who are here under DACA.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we get back to work and put this country to work again and not hold 320 million Americans ransom in order to do this for a handful of illegal immigrants in this country.

We need to get back to work and reopen the government so we are not shutting down the CHIP program we passed, the National Guard, et cetera.

THE HOUSE REAUTHORIZED CHIP

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, last November, more than 2 months ago, this House passed the reauthorization for the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP.

The House again passed the reauthorization for CHIP this week, but last

night, in addition to voting "no" on CHIP, CHUCK SCHUMER and the Senate Democrats voted "no" on keeping the government funded, and here we are.

The funding that Senate Democrats rejected last night includes funding for our Nation's servicemembers, tens of thousands of whom are deployed throughout the Middle East, the Pacific, and Korea.

They could have voted "yes" to the families waiting for the Children's Health Insurance Program and "yes" to our troops, but they did not.

There is no excuse for this. The issues of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and securing our border are being negotiated separate and apart from this funding bill and CHIP, and there are serious proposals to address these issues.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Senate Democrats to change course, end the Schumer shutdown, and do what is right for the American people: pass the government funding and Children's Health Insurance Program that we sent over days ago.

OPEN THE GOVERNMENT

(Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great frustration with the partisanship that is being shown about a bipartisan program to help children and about keeping our government open.

The Children's Health Insurance Program provides affordable and comprehensive medical coverage for children under 19 whose families do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot access insurance through a private plan.

Thousands of my constituents rely on this program, and we are trying to reauthorize it for 6 years, the longest in the program's history.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing controversial about CHIP. Keeping the government open is a fundamental responsibility of Congress, and a government shutdown is irresponsible and unproductive. We must provide certainty to servicemembers and Federal workers who rely on a functioning government to support their families.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues, particularly those on the other side of the aisle, to prevail upon Senate Democrats to open the government up. We can continue these important policy discussions with an open government.

THE TRUMP TRAVESTY CONTINUES

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the Trump travesty continues, as it has for the last 12 months. We have heard our colleagues on the other side of the aisle

talk about the Children's Health Insurance Program. They are very concerned about its passage. Bring it to the floor. It will pass. And I guarantee you it will pass in the Senate.

Your Speaker, our Speaker, said: "We will advance major legislation one issue at a time."

Mr. Speaker, that is not what the bill you put on this floor did. It is not what the bill that is on the Senate floor did.

You are right. There is no controversy. Government should not be shutting down. It is the Trump confrontation and chaos that continues. That is why this government is shut down, and the American people are rightfully upset with every one of us; not just Republicans, not just Democrats. They are upset that their government is not working.

Mr. Speaker, bring these issues one at a time to this floor, and some will pass and some will not.

My time has expired, but the people's time is expiring. Let us do our work one issue at a time.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, last night, on the eve of the first anniversary of President Trump's inauguration, President Trump earned an F for leadership.

President Trump and congressional Republicans' obsession with passing a tax scam to benefit the wealthiest in our country and corporations has blinded them to their responsibilities to the American people.

Despite controlling the House, the Senate, and the White House, the Republicans were so incompetent, so negligent, that they couldn't get it together to keep the government open.

They could get it together to pass a tax credit, 83 percent of which benefits the top 1 percent, but they couldn't get it together to pass CHIP and its fuller complement to meet the needs of America's children and families and seniors.

President Trump said about President Obama at the time of the 2013 GOP government shutdown: "I mean, problems start from the top, and they have to get solved from the top. And the President is the leader. And he's got to get everybody in a room, and he's got to lead." President Trump then.

President Trump now, as President, President Trump tweets: "Our country needs a good 'shutdown.'"

Your wish has come true for your 1-year anniversary because of all-around incompetence, inefficiency, and prioritizing with all your heart and soul that 1 percent at the expense of the rest of the country.

Now, there is no such thing, as we know, as a good shutdown of the government. Republicans' total inability